

April 6, 2015

Statement of a client taken at Montana Developmental Center, Boulder, MT 4:00 pm

How is your treatment at MDC going?

**Good. Really liking it here. I've been here for about 10 months, since 6/6/14. Working on my treatment. It has helped a lot. If we are open to treatment, we get good treatment. Some people are not open to treatment and have trouble. My mother is pleased with the treatment I'm getting.**

Have the staff and program here been helpful to you?

**Yes. The place is very helpful. Most people leave within 3 to 4 years. If staff notice we are upset, they give us the space but let us know they are available to help. Staff are very good – what will happen to them? I learn new things here every single day.**

Has your life improved since you have been at MDC?

**Yes, it has for me. There are others with behavior problems that break windows and make trouble. I'm learning how to live. Learning what not to do. Getting better manners. Learning to be honest and ask for help. I want to stay longer. Want to keep supporting MDC after I leave. This place feels like home and the others here feel like family.**

What do you think will happen to you if you leave MDC?

**I want to feel safe. What will happen to me? I'm afraid of going somewhere else. I'm afraid of going into the community. The ten months here have been great. I'm concerned about what is the best for me and the other residents. I fear the unknown outside of MDC. I worry about things like getting attacked in communities.**

Other comments?

**Love to see this place stay open. My mother is also doing all she can to keep MDC open for me and others.**

**I watched the hearing on TV. I hear they want to close this place and open other ones. Why?**